

Student Voice Newsletter — October 2020

Our first Student Voice meeting of the academic year!

Student Voice is going to look a little different this year. As our bubbles cannot mix, we can no longer all join together for a meeting.

Each term, you will use one tutorial to discuss whole school matters to make sure as many voices are heard as possible.

Thank you for all of the feedback in our first session. So many of you raised very interesting points that have

Mobile Phone Policy

There was lots of discussion about the new mobile phone policy that has been brought in for the start of Term 2. The vast majority of students agreed that they are a distraction in lessons and can affect the learning as well as disturbing others learning as well.

There were some strong arguments made as to why they should be allowed, such as for music and to contact people in an emergency. However, music can still be accessed on an mp3 player (such as an ipod) if needed and students will always be able to contact carers in an emergency.

Whilst term 2 has started with Cotswold in isolation, Frome have made a very positive start to the new term and handing over their mobile phones at the start of the day. Well done!!

Raffle Tickets

What do you think of our new reward system? It's great to see so many students being recognised for their hard work. Did you have fun on the reward trip?

Something to think about: If you join half way through a term, should you be allowed to go on the end of term reward trip? Some students missed out because they had not fulfilled all of the criteria due to starting later in the term. Is this fair?



Our Anti-Bullying Policy

Students also discussed issues around bullying. What is it? What are the different forms? What is our policy? Who do you turn to? Does it happen here?

All groups could give a definition of bullying and the different ways that it can occur. However, many groups were unsure of the process that happens within school if bullying does happen. This is something that staff will be working on to ensure that all students know the process, that we follow as a school, when instances of bullying take place.

If you are being bullied or know someone who is, please speak to your trusted adult within school. The staff are always here to listen to you and support you.